## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Examiner: LANDSMAN, Robert S.
David BOTSTEIN, et al.	Art Unit: 1647
Application Serial No. 09/997,542	Confirmation No: 7269
Filed: November 15, 2001	Attorney's Docket No. GNE-2730P1C26
For: SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE ) POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ) ENCODING THE SAME	Customer No. 77845

## ON APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPEAL BY APPELLANTS

Commissioner for Patents - MAIL STOP APPEAL BRIEF - PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

On September 18, 2007, the Examiner made a final rejection to pending Claims 119-121 and 123. A Notice of Appeal was filed on December 18, 2007 and Appellants' Appeal Brief was filed March 18, 2008.

Appellants hereby request that the appeal be withdrawn, and that the above-identified application be expressly withdrawn as of the filing date of this paper.

I am the attorney or agent of record.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March/8, 2009

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